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## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bill COTTON et al.

Title: SEALING MEANS FOR ELECTRICALLY  
DRIVEN WATER PURIFICATION UNITS  
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
THEREOF

Appl. No.: 09/847,297

Filing Date: 05/03/2001

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)**Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) to accept a late claim for priority under this section.

1. A reference identifying the prior-filed applications by application number and international application number and international filing date, along with an indication of the relationship of the applications, is submitted herewith in the form of an Amendment.
2. Adding this reference to the application was unintentionally delayed.
3. The surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t) is submitted herewith in the form of a check. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.
4. The entire delay between the date that the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date of this claim was unintentional.

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The Petitions Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned if any additional information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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